



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17MAR
Date	March 20, 2022
Time	9:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 19 to 8:00 AM March 20 2022
Report Number	3

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
DDCs Active	7 & 20

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Wildfire response operations continued Saturday into Sunday, with the largest area of concern being in the Eastland County area. Wildfires continued to affect areas of Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, & 6 of Texas on Saturday. State agencies continue to support additional requests for resources in support of the wildfire response. Elevated to critical fire weather conditions are forecast for much of the western half of Texas on Sunday March 20.

On March 16, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate additional state resources as escalated fire weather conditions continue to impact the state this week. In addition, the Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) is increasing readiness to Level II: Escalated Response for Critical Fire Weather Conditions. Representatives from key state agencies belonging to the Emergency Management Council reported to the SOC on Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 AM CT to assist in the state's response to fire weather conditions.

Personnel from the following state agencies are supporting wildfire response operations at the SOC:

- Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS)
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
- Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
- Texas Military Department (TMD)
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)
- Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC)
- Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)
- Texas Animal Health Commission
- Texas A&M AgriLife
- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service – ESF 9 (Search & Rescue)
- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service – Public Works Coordinator

The following additional resources have been activated:

- TAMFS: Four firefighting strike teams from the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS), including 100 firefighters and 20 fire engines
- TMD: Six helicopters with firefighting capability
- TPWD: Two firefighting brush trucks
- EMTF: Two paramedic/advanced life-support Wildland Fire Support Packages
- Texas Task Force 2 Urban Search & Rescue and K-9 Search & Rescue Teams
- Public Works Response Team

This brings the activated TIFMAS resources to 10 strike teams including approximately 250 firefighters and 50 fire engines.

Texans in the areas of concern are encouraged to create an evacuation plan, heed the guidance of local officials, and create an emergency kit that includes supplies such as food and water, important documents, necessary prescriptions, and other personal items.

The newly-activated assets are mobilizing in addition to state resources that were rostered earlier in the week by the Texas A&M Forest Service, including:

- Six TIFMAS strike teams comprised of approximately 150 firefighters and 30 fire engines
- Fully-staffed task forces located across the state with additional personnel and equipment for support
- Strategically-placed fire line supervisors, command staff, and incident commanders with advanced qualifications
- Aviation resources including: two large airtankers, 12 single engine air tankers, four air attack platforms, three type 1 helicopters, two type 3 helicopters, and one aerial supervision module

Two EMTF Wildland Fire Support Packages were activated; Two EMTF Wildland Fire Support Packages and two Rapid Extraction Modules (REMs) remain on standby to be deployed if necessary.

Texans can visit tfsweb.tamu.edu and ready.gov/wildfires to access wildfire resources and safety tips.

On March 15, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to mobilize state resources as Texas faces increased fire weather conditions this week. The National Weather Service warns high winds and low relative humidity has created heightened risk for wildfires in the western half of the state.

The following resources have been readied by TAMFS: six strike teams from TIFMAS that include approximately 150 firefighters and 30 fire engines. The TAMFS has fully staffed task forces across the state with additional personnel and equipment for support. Fireline supervisors, command staff, and incident commanders with advanced qualifications are strategically placed across the state to respond. Aviation resources are also prepositioned across the state for a quick and effective response and include two large airtankers, 12 single engine air tankers, four air attack platforms, three type 1 helicopters, two type 3 helicopters and one aerial supervision module are currently staged in state for wildfire response.

Four EMTF Wildland Fire Support (WLFS) packages and two Rapid Extraction Modules (REMs) are on standby to be deployed if necessary.

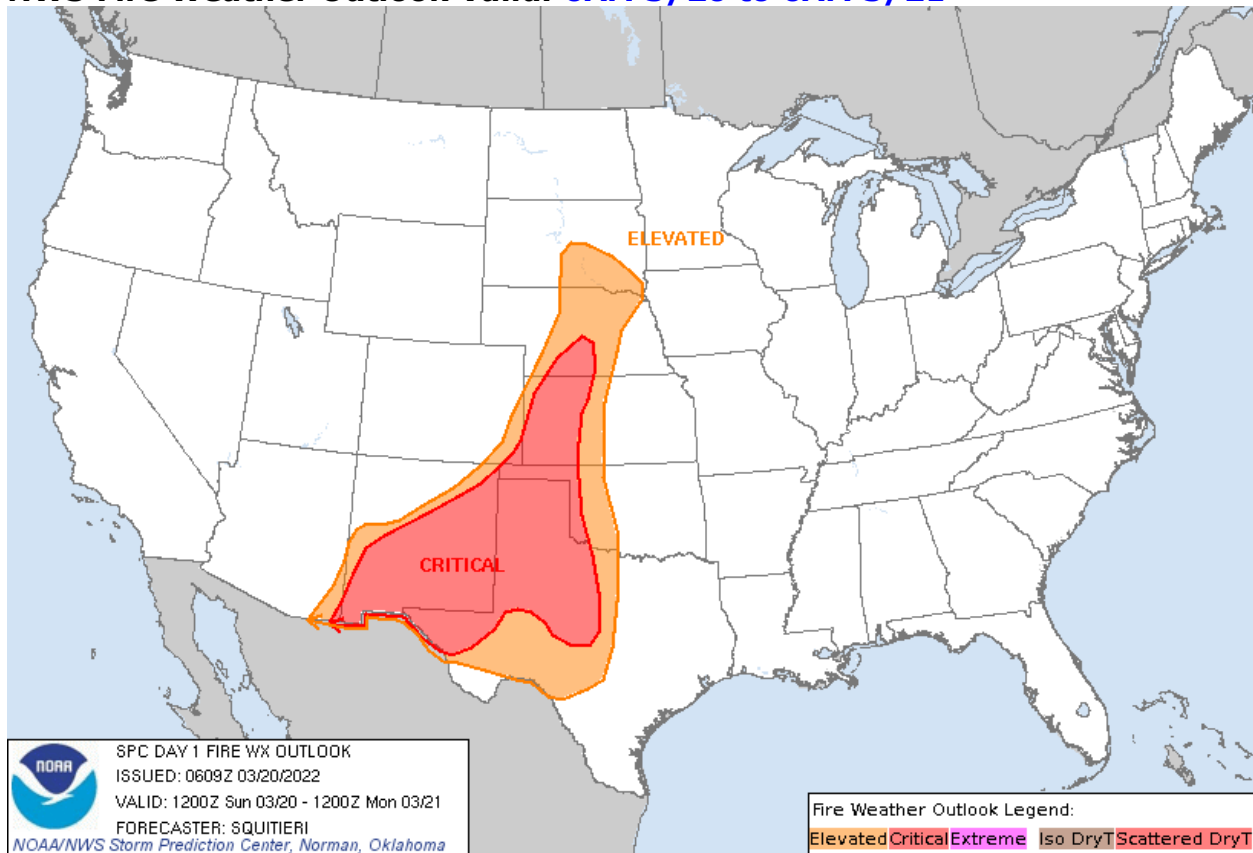
Four UH-60 and 2 CH-47 helicopters.

On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration due to an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in Brooks, Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Grayson, Mason, Potter, Randall, Runnels, and Williamson Counties.

Access damage surveys, find an evacuation shelter, and view wildfire resources
Visit our March Wildfires Disaster page for more information:
<https://www.tdem.texas.gov/disasters/2022-march-wildfires>

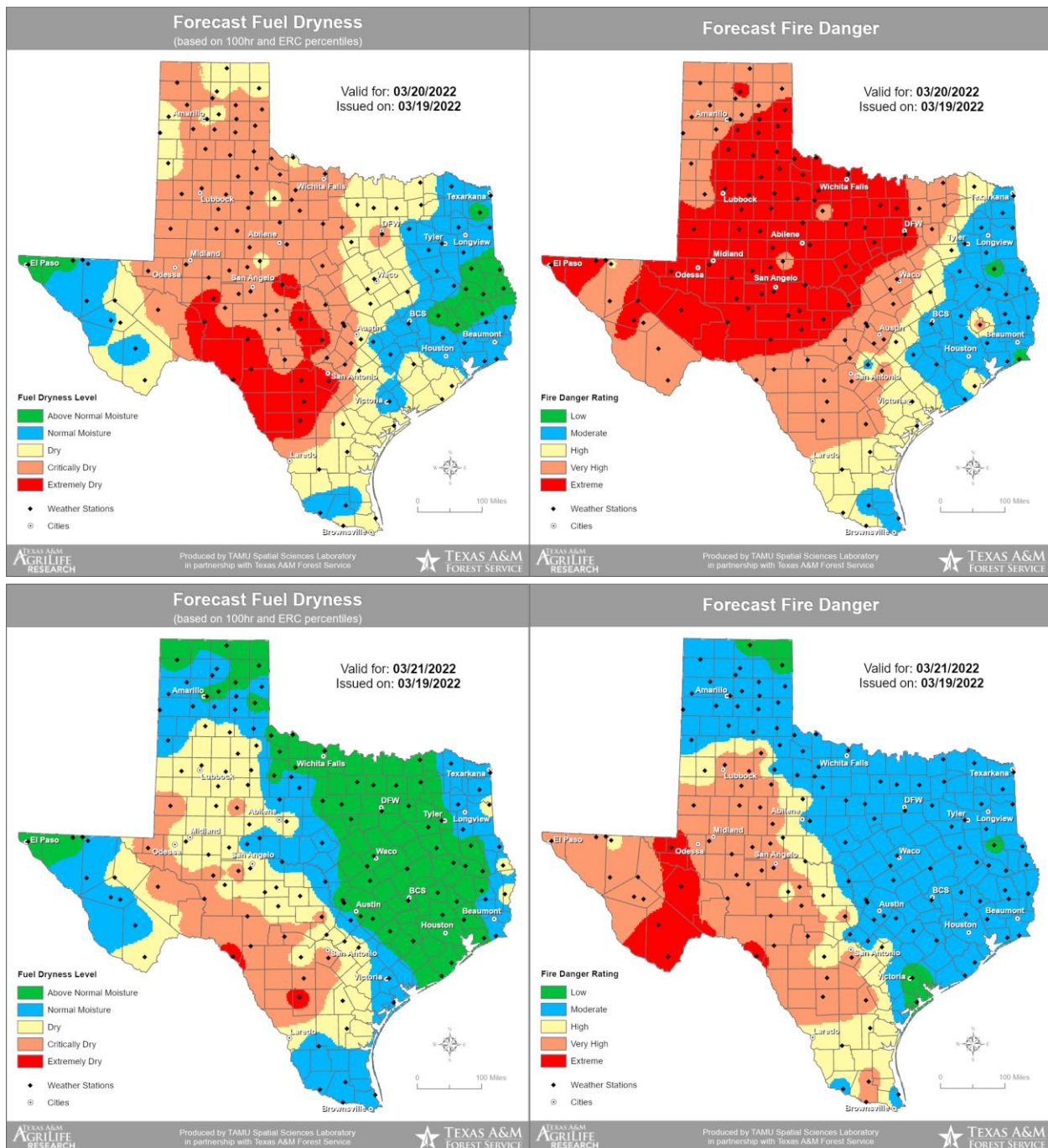
WEATHER:

NWS Fire Weather Outlook Valid: 6AM 3/20 to 6AM 3/21



Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook: A relatively active fire weather day is expected across the central U.S. today as a highly amplified mid-level traverses the Southwest, and supports rapid surface low development and associated dry, strong southerly surface winds across the Plains. In roughly the 20-00Z period, 20-25 mph sustained southerly surface winds will develop from New Mexico into eastern South Dakota. Coinciding with these stronger winds will be 15-20 percent surface RH across much of the southern and central High Plains, delineated by Critical highlights, with 20-25 percent RH along the I-35 corridor, where Elevated highlights have been introduced. While RH may only be marginally supportive in some locales, fuels remain highly to critically receptive to fire spread across much of the Plains west of I-35, which will compensate for the RH given the stronger winds.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) – Predictive Services:



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.

4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4 Hurst, 4 Garland, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4 – Garland (Includes: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties)

Collin County: [Clubhouse](#): 28 acres – 100% contained. The fire extended into Hunt County. Six houses were threatened and saved.

DDC 5 - Mt. Pleasant (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

Cass County: [Cass 1821](#): 30 acres – not contained. Crews are working on containment lines on this fire. Operations normal with no unmet needs.

Morris County: [Morris 1337](#): 1 acre – 100% contained

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

Upshur County: [Upshur 1733](#): 9 acres – 100% contained. Crews are taking action on this wildfire with minimal fire activity.

Van Zandt County: [Van Zandt 1522](#): 17 acres – 100% contained.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC 16 Rosenberg)

DDC 13 – Bryan (Includes: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington Counties)

Grimes County: [Grimes 1525](#): 18 acres – 100% contained

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties)

Nacogdoches County: [Nacogdoches 1547](#): 4 acres – 100% contained

Shelby County: [Shelby 1729](#): 10 acres – 100% contained.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 19 – Laredo (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties)

Starr County: [Delmita](#): 160 acres – 90% contained. Two homes and four vehicles have been destroyed; residents are safe and accounted for.

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

DDC 20 increased their readiness level to Level 3 (Increased Readiness Level).

Brooks County: [Two Axes](#): 240 acres – 100% contained

Duval County: [Realitos](#): 100 acres – 100% contained.

Jim Wells County: [Sands](#): 3 acres – 100% contained.

San Patricio County: [South Shore](#): 30 acres – 70% contained. One structure has been secured and three are threatened. A Unified Command has been established.

DDC 24 – Del Rio (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties)

La Salle County: [Martinena](#): 100 acres – 100% contained

Maverick County: [Burr](#): 4,825 acres – 100% contained.

Val Verde County: [Brewer Ranch](#): Unknown acres – 100% contained.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9, and 10)

DDC 9A – Midland (Includes: Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland, and Winkler Counties)

Glasscock County: [Edmunson](#): 3,861 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 10 – San Angelo (Includes: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties)

Mason County: Mason County submitted a Disaster Declaration on Thursday, March 17.

Reagan County: Chico Lane: 7,435 acres – 100% contained.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 1 – Amarillo (Includes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler Counties)

Randall County:

Hollywood: 166 acres – 100% contained. Randall County submitted a Disaster Declaration on Thursday, March 17.

Combine City: 23 acres – 100% contained

DDC 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young Counties)

Archer County: Wells: 98 acres – 100% contained.

Archer 1716: 98 acres – 100% contained.

Pia: 16 acres – 100% contained.

Jack County: Owens: 166 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties)

DDC 7 increased their readiness level to Level 3 (Increased Readiness Level).

Brown County: Brown County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 18.

Coleman County: Coleman County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Declaration on March 18.

Comanche County: Comanche County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 18.

De Leon Nursing and Rehabilitation was evacuated.

Eastland County: Eastland County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 18.

American Red Cross (ARC) volunteers fed 50 firefighters on site on March 17. Five independent shelters opened in Eastland County and are still open. Fires in the City of Carbon caused loss of power. The City of Carbon PS #2 facility was damaged. Rising Star Nursing Center was evacuated. The Gorman Nursing Home was evacuated to a facility in Brownwood. *A Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) was approved for the Wheat Field Fire and Kidd Fire by FEMA.* A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in effect until March 31st at 0300 UTC over Eastland County. The TFS can be found here: https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_2_6486.html

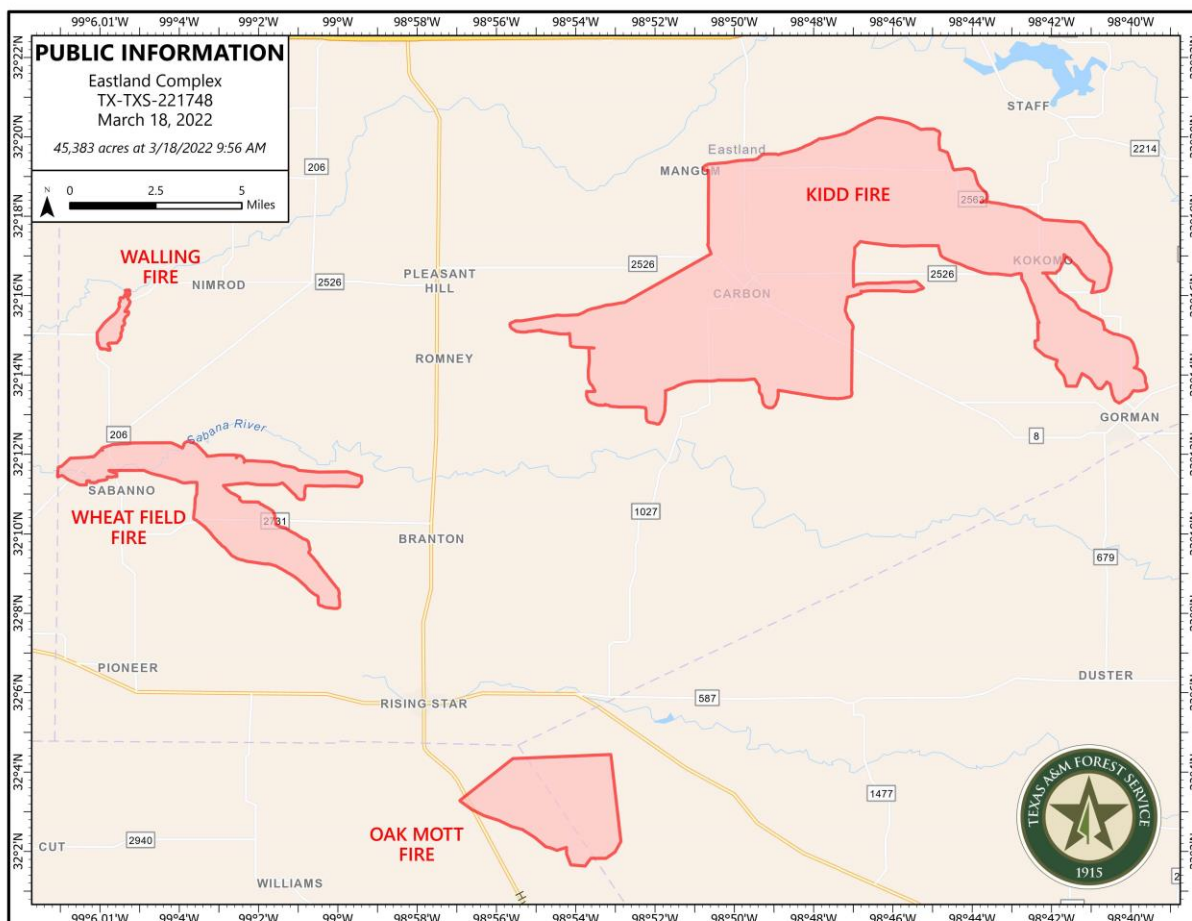
Eastland Complex (Kidd, Wheat Field, Oak Mott & Walling Fires) – 45,383 acres – 15% contained.

Walling – 383 acres – 100% contained. Crews reported no concerns. Control date set for Monday, March 21st at 5:00 PM.

Oak Mott (Brown County) – 4,031 acres - 60% contained. Crews have continued improving line and mopping up on this fire. There are still some smokes from the interior of the fire.

Wheat Field – 7,268 acres - 40% contained. Dozers continue to construct lines and make progress in thick fuels. The northeast corner is showing some fire activity still. Operations normal with no unmet needs.

Kidd – 42,333 acres – 25% contained. Dozers continue to construct lines. Engines continue to patrol and hit hot spots and are mopping up around structures. The east side of the fire has become active, but air resources were and are being used to slow progression. Operations normal with no unmet needs.



The Eastland Community Foundation in partnership with the Abilene Community Foundation has opened a disaster fund. <https://cfabilene.org/community-impact/fire-relief-funds>

Runnels County: Crews Gap: 8,100 acres – 90% contained. Dozers are constructing line on both flanks of this fire at this time. Forward progression has not been stopped, but fire behavior has moderated from earlier today. Operations normal with no unmet needs. Runnels County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) on Friday, March 18. Runnels County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 18.

Taylor County: Longley: 49 acres – 100% contained

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 12 – Austin (Includes: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties)

Caldwell County: Cherryville: 28 acres – 80% contained. SH 80 has re-opened after a temporary closure due to heavy smoke over the roadway.

DDC 17 – Victoria (Includes: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson and Victoria Counties)

Jackson County: Sabado: 106 acres – 100% contained

DDC 23 – Killeen (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

Mills County: 3 Oaks: 3,512 acres – 100% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

TDEM – Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): ESF 2 is assessing possible requirements to support Eastland County and other areas heavily impacted by the wildfires. Communications platforms are being identified for possible support if required. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Lubbock County, Bedford Fire Department and Denton County have identified platforms and other communications assets that could provide support if requested. Cellular providers have identified resources, and assets are staged in and out of state if required. There are currently no reports of cellular outages in the impacted areas. Amateur radio services are monitoring the situation and contacting served entities as applicable. RACES / AUXCOMM trained personnel are in contact with the TDEM District 7 personnel to help coordinate any communications requirements. The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has not received any reports of impacts to the PSAP – 9-1-1 networks.

TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF): DRTF Staff continue to support mass care at the R-SOC and coordinate with members in the field.

Mass Care: Red Cross teams are supporting some donation management. ARC's case management will process those in shelters transition to other housing. Those evacuees that are staying with friends/family will need damage assessed prior to receiving case management. Safe & Well Program has not activated. ARC is ready to support any reunification efforts as they arise. ARC is staffing east Texas in preparations for the severe weather anticipated Monday. Southern Baptist Southern Convention is headed to Eastland to support a local church with feeding evacuees.

Salvation Army is staged in Big Lake, San Angelo and Brownwood. Mass Care is collaborating with Salvation Army to feed first responders at the Eastland Wildfire Complex basecamp. Members in the field are supporting the Eastland Wildfire Complex ICP, damage assessment coordination, donation management and survivor assistance center. Initiating iSTAT/pSTAT assessments to support DSO.

State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL): Coordinating with local non-profit organizations, disaster nonprofits and VOAD member organizations. A fund has been established to accept monetary donations through the Abilene Community Foundation and Eastland Community Foundation. Disaster nonprofits and VOAD member organizations remain on standby to assist in cleanup efforts through long term recovery.

Shelters:

Facility Name	Location	Status	Occupancy
First Baptist Church	405 S Seaman Street, Eastland	Open	15
Gorman Community Center	118 S Kent St, Gorman	Open	0
First Fruit Christian Fellowship	325 W. Lexington	Open	0
Gorman Church of Christ	419 N Kent, Gorman	Open	
Eastland FEMA Shelter/Siebert Elementary	100 Little Maverick Trail, Eastland	Open	
Myrtle Wilks Community Center	1498 IH-20W, Cisco	Open	0
Texas Cattle Exchange	9009 IH-20, Eastland	Open	Cattle Only
Lazy 3 Animal Care	9991 Hwy 6, Cisco	Open	Cattle and House Pets Only
Coleman Livestock Auction		Available by calling first	Cattle Only
Erath County Lingleville, TX			
Comanche Community Center	100 Indian Creek Dr. Comanche, TX		

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service (Agrilife): The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is maintaining situational awareness of the evolving wildfire incidents across the state. AgriLife Extension is activated to the SOC, monitoring animal issues calls, and is coordinating with TAHC and animal response partners at

the local, state, and federal level to support local jurisdictions. AgriLife has coordinated with ESF-11 partners TAHC, TAMU-VET and TDA regarding hay/feed or other livestock-related support following the wildfire outbreak. AgriLife Extension County Agent Strike Team members remain on standby for response to animal issues. All ESF-11 partners are working to maintain contact and situational awareness of any concerns related to these issues and have stood up a staging area at the Texas Cattle Exchange in Eastland County for local response efforts. AgriLife agents and administration have also provided assistance to the TAMFS ICP in Merkel providing assistance in contacting landowners regarding evacuation.

- [AgriLife Extension conducted an agricultural industry call on March 19, 2022, to discuss feed, fencing and hay donations management for Animal Supply Points \(ASP\) in Eastland.](#)
- [DAR agents met with local officials at Gorman Milling Company Fiber Plant in Gorman, Texas to set up another ASP in the southeastern part of Eastland County.](#)
- [AgriLife Extension is monitoring the feed, fencing and hay donations hotline which went live on March 19. We are also working with Extension Ag. Communications to create promotional media to solicit monetary donations to the Texas Department of Agriculture STAR fund for agricultural disaster relief. Media promotion and advertisement of the donation sites began on Facebook and Twitter on March 19, 2022.](#)
- [On March 19, 2022, DAR agents are assisting the TAMU-VET with animal assessments in the field.](#)

Texas A&M Engineering Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force (TX-TF) 1 & 2:

TEEX deployed Texas A&M Task Force 1 and Texas Task Force 2 personnel at the request from TDEM for assistance with the search within the Eastland Complex Fire. Initially, three HR canine teams and four support personnel were deployed for this request. An additional request for a Type 3 US&R team was requested at noon on March 18. Eastland County had a very extensive wildland fire during the evening hours of March 17. Due to the potential number of the area residents affected by the fast-moving fire, TDEM requested a Type 3 US&R team and HR canine teams to assist in wide area search of the affected area. [Texas A&M Task Force 1 and 2 personnel and canines completed a primary search of the community of Carbon on March 18. No human fatalities were located. A total of 81 structures were classified as destroyed in the search area on March 19.](#)

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)/Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): TEEX/TX-PWRT continues to support and coordinate operations from the Remote SOC serving as ESF-3. [Advance team located in Carbon, TX to assist with water/wastewater and utilities. TX-PWRT assisted onsite with procurement and hook up of a generator to power tank station number 2 in Carbon until power was restored on March 19. TX-PWRT also assisted TDEM with](#)

damage assessments of residences and infrastructure in the Carbon, TX community. Teams are shutting off water meters at residences affected by fire to help conserve water in the community for remaining buildings and firefighting efforts. Teams continue to monitor water/wastewater and utilities with the local officials and agencies to provide troubleshooting and assistance as needed.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) TAMFS received seven new requests for wildfires on Saturday, and resources are still engaged on mop up and holding operations on five carryover fires.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): The PUC was activated to the Remote SOC effective 7:00 AM, Thursday, March 17. The PUC has reached out to industry members and is standing-by to assist throughout the duration of the event.

PUC has continued to monitor electric outages and reports no significant generation or transmission issues. Local outages number 1,200 as of 2:30 PM in Eastland County as a result of the Eastland Complex Fire and evacuation orders. Restoration crews continue to effect repairs where and when able to safely do so. PUC will continue to monitor statewide power and standby at the SOC as requested.

Overnight Friday and into Saturday morning of March 19, utility crews and the TEEX PWRT have completed damage assessments and effected possible restorations in Carbon and surround areas. Progress in restorations is expected over the course of today and the late afternoon. Most of electric distribution from ONCOR in the area is expected to be restored to capable structures today. PUC is monitoring no significant outages elsewhere in the state.

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): RRC is monitoring temporary natural gas service interruptions affecting the City of Carbon and the City of Gorman. [The natural gas service provider for the City of Gorman started restoring service to customers Friday afternoon.](#) The RRC will continue to work with the service provider and state and local partners until service is [fully restored to both cities](#). RRC will continue to support ESF 12 and work with PUC throughout the event.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): TAHC is maintaining situational awareness of the evolving wildfire incident. TAHC is activated to the R-SOC, monitoring animal issues calls and coordinating with TAHC Regional Offices and animal response partners at the local, state and federal level for support of local jurisdictions. Coordination communications have occurred with ESF-11 partners regarding potential hay/feed or other livestock-related support following the wildfire

outbreak. Multiple local officials and partners have notified TAHC of missing and/or deceased livestock due to the wildfire and the need to release livestock for escape. TAHC staff remain on standby for response to any animal issues when it is safe to do so. All ESF-11 partners are working to maintain contact and situational awareness of any concerns related to these issues and are standing up a staging area for local response efforts. [TAHC is currently partnered with and utilizing USDA - Wildlife Services air assets to conduct damage assessments and other necessary missions. TAHC staff are now working throughout areas affected by the Eastland Complex Fires in support of animal issues needs with all available local officials and partners, as requested. There is an animal supply point now operational in Gorman, TX \(Gorman Feed Mill\) which is accepting donations and distributing as needed. VET Team and TSCRA Rangers are assessing burnt and otherwise wounded livestock throughout the region. TAHC Public Information Officer is providing specified animal response and recovery information to the public. TAHC is aware that counts of missing/deceased livestock are still ongoing. A STAR was filled for one Livestock Gathering Team. TAHC is aware that carcass disposal efforts, handled by local citizens, are ongoing, with TAHC ready to assist. USDA air assets are operational and coordinating with TAHC field staff to address ongoing needs in the region.](#)

TEXAS A&M University Veterinary Emergency Team (TAMU-VET):

[TAMU-VET deployed an additional two VET members and four veterinary students to Eastland, TX. Provided pre-ops evaluations and protective bandaging on TTF SAR dogs. TAMU-VET established a Forward Operating Base \(FOB\) in Carbon, Tx to support TTF SAR dogs during operations. Three Strike Teams are currently working livestock issues in the field: two resident domestic pets were treated, 30 head of sheeps recommended for slaughter due to burn injuries, of 163 heads of cattle 13 were salvaged by slaughter, and five head of cattle were euthanized.](#)

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has staff available to assist local governments with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities. Two water systems in the impacted area have issued boil water notices. These systems serve 710 people.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):

[EMTF activated 2 Wildland Fire Support \(WLFS\) packages for EMTFs 2, 7 & 9 supporting the Eastland Complex Fires and the Chico Lane Fire. EMTF activated one additional MIST, two WPU's and one Rapid Extraction Modules \(REM\) to assist in Abilene with the Eastland Complex Fire. EMTF placed 2 WLFS packages and 3 REM packages on standby for EMTFs 2, 4, 8 & 11 and is supporting response with 52 personnel. One WLFS has been activated to Pleasanton staging support by EMTF 8 and 11. One ambulance to support 24/7 operations at the Eastland Complex Fire from EMTF 2.](#)

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has activated 2 Wildland Fire Brush Trucks, 2 Medium Rotary Wing MRP and 1 Heavy Rotary Wing MRP to provide direct support to TFS with fire suppression capability in response to critical fire weather. TMD has activated 38 personnel with 2 vehicles and 5 aircraft in support of 22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17MAR. CH 47 was launched at 9:40 AM on March 18 to support the Kidd Fire. The CH 47 flew a total of nine hours and dropped a total of 29 buckets (52,200 gallons) of water on March 18. The CH 47 launched to continue supporting the Eastland Fire at 9:40 AM on March 19. The CH 47 flew a total of 7.3 hours and dropped a total of 41 buckets (73,800 gallons) of water on March 19.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT filled a STAR for fuel cubes and attendant at Eastland Staging. Resources will be shifted to Carbon VFD. Additional fuel resources from Bryan and Abilene will be in Eastland Staging tonight to backfill the resources moved to Carbon. TxDOT has filled a STAR to provide equipment and crews to build fire breaks on the Kidd Fire in Eastland County: two dozers, two motor graders, and support equipment with staff. This crew is currently working on extending firebreaks east of Carbon. Additionally, TxDOT partially filled a STAR for two portable light towers for the Carbon Volunteer Fire Department (VFD). All 25 TxDOT Districts have been provided the NWS & TDEM Fire Weather Outlooks. TxDOT Districts in impacted areas are posting fire information on Digital Message Signs for public awareness. TxDOT is staffing the Remote SOC.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): The TXDPS has ensured the readiness of statewide resources to appropriately respond to this fire outbreak and weather event. Texas Highway Patrol (THP) troopers and other DPS personnel are fully prepared to respond as conditions dictate. Affected THP Disaster District Chairs are communicating with applicable state and local officials as needed. DPS Troopers and other agency personnel are providing support to applicable affected areas as requested.

The DPS Aircraft Operations Division provided an aircraft and crew to survey fire damage in Eastland County, which was later demobilized and returned to home station on Saturday.

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs):

American Red Cross:

Coleman County: On Thursday, two Temporary Evacuation Points (TEP) were opened in coordination with OEM due to the evacuation of approximately 300

homes. The two TEPs were located at First Baptist Church of Coleman, 200 E. College Ave, Coleman, TX and Coleman County Senior Center, 916 S. Concho, Coleman, TX 76834 and closed at 8:30 PM Thursday night. Four homes were lost in this fire and our local casework team opened cases providing recovery planning and assistance.

Taylor County: The TEP in Abilene closed at 8:30 PM Thursday night and residents were able to return home. Two homes were lost, and our local casework teams provided recovery planning and assistance that evening.

Eastland County: Their volunteers continue to support the Incident Command Post where are in coordination with emergency management about the fire. They fed dinner to 50 firefighters on site Thursday evening. Five independent shelters opened in Eastland County overnight and remain open now. On Friday morning their team had been asked to provide support and are visiting each site to identify unmet needs.

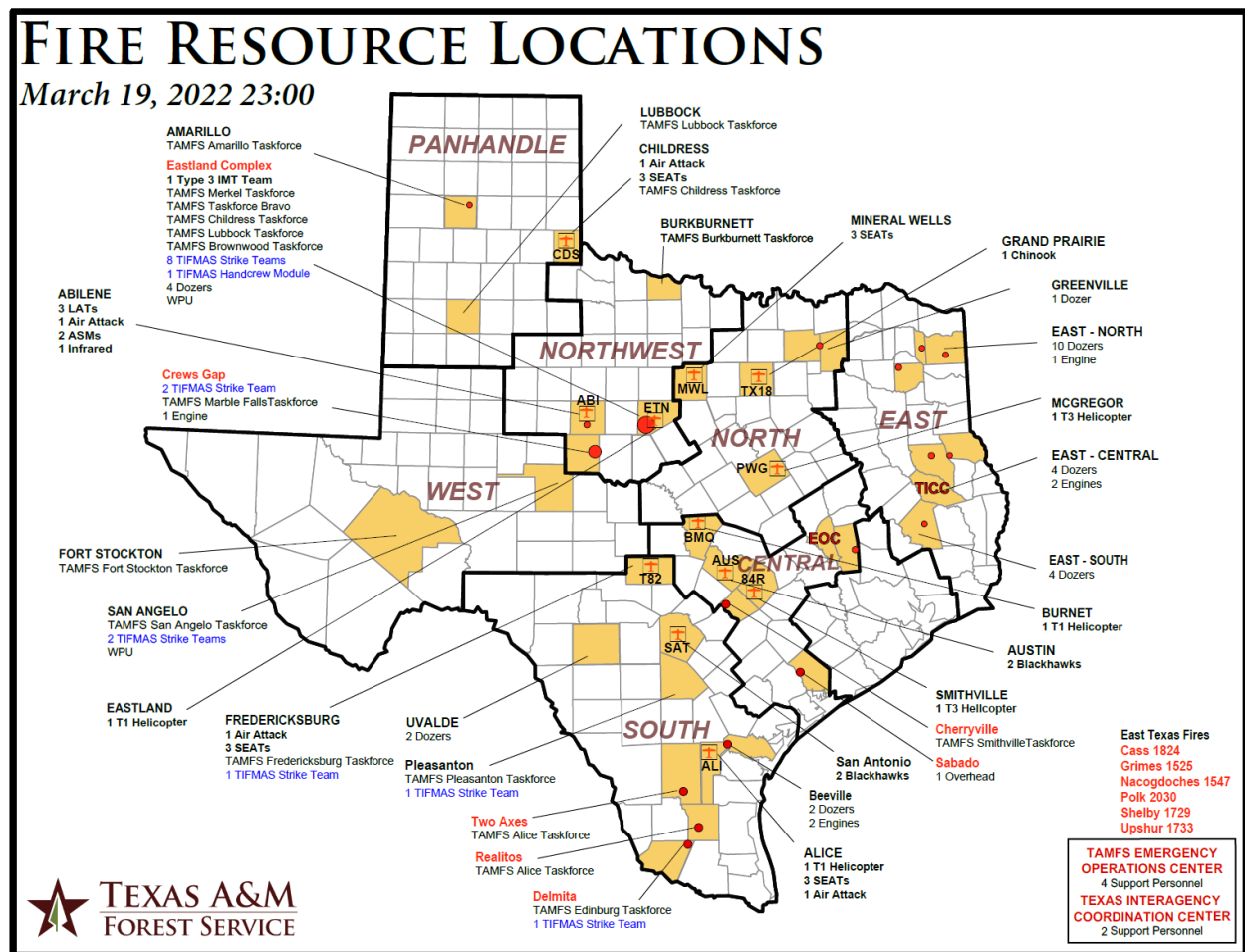
STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
Agrilife, TAMUS	SOC Representative	1		Assigned	SOC
Agrilife, TAMUS	Extension Strike Team	4		Assigned	Available
Agrilife, TAMUS	DAR Agents	9	2	Assigned	Eastland County
Agrilife, TAMUS	DAR Agents	7		Assigned	Assigned, Available
TDEM DRTF	SOC Liaison	2		Assigned	R-SOC
TDEM DRTF	DRTF HQ Staff	2		Assigned	Eastland Wildfire Complex
TDEM DRTF	DRTF Regional Staff	3		Assigned	Eastland Wildfire Complex
TAHC	SOC Representative	1		Assigned	SOC
TAHC	TAHC Central Office Staff/Agency Admin	4		Available	Virtual

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TAHC	TAHC Regional Management	18		Available	All TAHC Regions
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Childress
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		3	Available	Childress
TAMFS	Large Air Tanker (LAT)		3	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (ASM)		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (ASM)		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		3	Available	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (Fire Boss)		3	Available	Mineral Wells
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Available	McGregor
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Available	Smithville
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Eastland
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		3	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Burnet

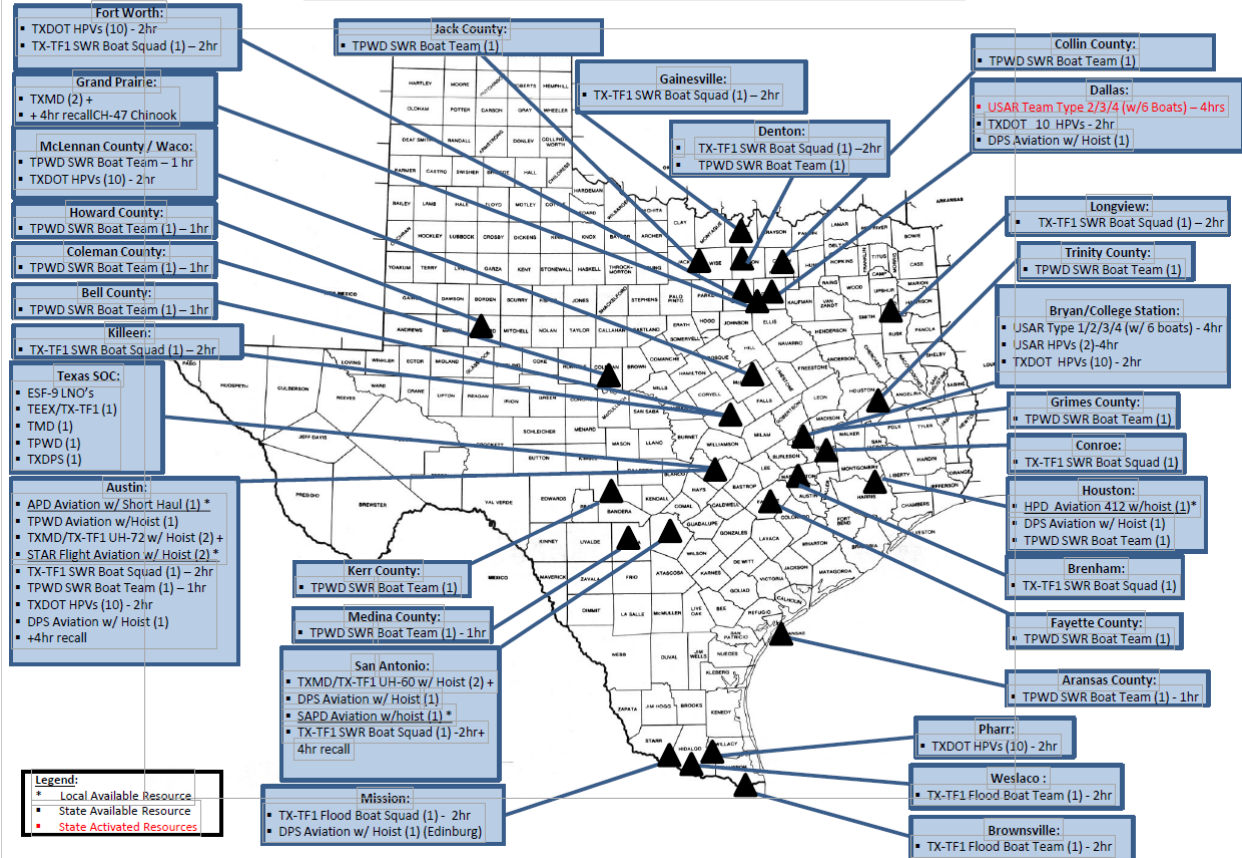
Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TAMFS	TAMFS Taskforce	13 Taskforces		Available	Various
TAMFS	TAMFS Dozer Strike Team	2 STs		Available	McGregor
TAMFS	Dozer/Tractor Plow		23	Available	Various
TEEX/TX-TF1 & 2	HR K-9 Search	8	3	Assigned	Eastland County
TEEX/TX-TF1 & 2	Type 3 US&R	33	11	Assigned	Eastland County
TEEX/TX-TF1 & 2	ESF 9 SOC LNO	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TEEX/TX-PWRT	Advance Team	3	3	Assigned	Carbon
TEEX/TX-PWRT	SOC Support	1	1	Assigned	Austin/SOC
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Mineral Wells
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	San Angelo
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Pleasanton
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Edinburg
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	McGregor
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Merkel
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Eastland
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Marble Falls
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Coordinators	2		Available	College Station & Merkel
DSHS EMTF	SOC Liaison	1		Available	R-SOC
PUC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
RRC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TMD	Wildland Brush Truck	5	2	Assigned	Brown County
TMD	Rotary Wing (Medium MRP)	14	2	Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Rotary Wing (Medium MRP)	14	2	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Rotary Wing (Heavy MRP) with PAO	5	1	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TMD	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TxDOT	Personnel	58		Assigned	Eastland County
TxDOT	Equipment		46	Assigned	Eastland County
TXDPS	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC



Available SAR Resources 03.19.2022 1500hrs

This map depicts the available SAR resources and their home base.



FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 pandemic response with additional staffing for Wildfire Outbreak response. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor these situations and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I	(Emergency Conditions)
Level II	(Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III	(Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV	(Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
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